



Thoroughbred
DISKPAK™

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1. WHY USE DISPAK?

DISPAK is a utility program that is intended for use on systems running Thoroughbred/OS and is used to maintain the integrity of files on your hard disk by locating and correcting file allocation problems and also to allow you to efficiently manage the used and available space on your hard disk. The following conversation should give you some insight into how and when to use DISPAK. Also included is a Disk Map Utility that will allow you to get a printed report on your disk allocation.

1. Why do I need the DISPAK Utility?

- a) To consolidate available disk sectors into one large contiguous area on your disk.
- b) To identify any disk allocation errors that have occurred on your disk due to operating system hangs, improper system shutdown or power failures.
- c) To separate and identify any overlapping files that were caused by operating system hangs, improper system shutdown or power failures.

2. Why do I need my available disk sectors consolidated?

- a) Thoroughbred/OS requires that contiguous space be available for new data files that are created. If you need to create a 1500 sector file and there are 10 gaps of 1000 sectors each (totaling 10,000 available sectors) on your disk, you will not be able to create your file because the sectors available are not contiguous.
- b) Disk operations can be done more efficiently if available disk space is on the high numbered sectors and all data files are on the low numbered sectors.

3. Why do I need to separate overlapping files?

- a) Files that overlap the same physical space on disk are more than likely unusable. There is a chance that one of the files may be salvageable once separated.
- b) If an overlapping file is erased, the space that is made available is incorrect and other files created in this erroneous space can be destroyed.

4. How often does the DISPAK utility need to be run?

a) Once at the beginning or end of each work day. The DISPAK utility goes through a validation of your file system before it does a compress of your disk files. The validation phase takes 3 to 5 minutes depending on how many files you have on your system. If the integrity of your disk file system is compromised, the situations that can be corrected will be corrected automatically and the ones that require decisions on your part will be itemized for you to take appropriate action. After the validation phase, you will have the option of doing a compress of your disk files.

b) Any time your system is terminated abnormally by operating system hang, power failure or improper shutdown by an operator.

5. How often does the compress of the disk files need to be done?

When you cannot create a file in the disk gaps that are available on your disk.

6. When the disk compress is run, can I be assured that I can create any size file?

No! Your available disk space will be consolidated into one contiguous area and you can only define files that will fit in this area.

7. When I select to run the disk compress, how long will it take to do the disk compress?

From 5 minutes to 1 hour - this will depend on how fragmented your available disk is. Normally, the time should be between 30 to 45 minutes.

8. How does DISPAK work?

DISPAK is simple to run and requires a minimum amount of operator intervention. The automatic procedures are executed in the following order:

a) Verify Step

The verify step in DISPAK will read the hard disk to determine the validity and current version of the operating system. Next DISPAK scans every directory on the disk to verify that file names are valid and the space allocated by the operating

system is not occupied by more than one file .
If no errors are found in this step the program
will skip the reconstruct step.

b) Reconstruct Step

The reconstruction step of DISPAK will construct a new AVS (available sector table) based on the directory contents determined in the verify step. DISPAK will separate any files that overlap and inform the user of any impending problems before the compress step can be executed.

c) Compress Step

The compress facility in DISPAK uses the new AVS table to identify the computed free space (VERIFY STEP) on the disk and moves all programs and files together creating one single free space area at the end of the disk (high sector numbers). If the user checks the AVS table after this step there will be only one entry.

2. RUNNING DISPAK

Before you begin, please note the following:

1. DISPAK does not substitute for proper backup of data.
2. You MUST run Dispak from the floppy diskette.
3. You MUST have a printer online.
4. You MUST be the only operator on the system.
5. You MUST be using the control terminal (T0)

Configuring the Software

The following steps will enable Thoroughbred/OS to locate the software on the master diskette that you received:

- a) Goto the BASIC Utilities Menu and select the the Switch Floppy/Hard Disk (*UPSD) utility.
- b) The procedures of this utility should be familiar. If not, use the following steps:
 - To select the floppy drive, enter RETURN (CR)
 - Insert DISPAK diskette, enter RETURN

The Floppy Drive (usually F0) should list as *DPP, or select directory *DPP.

- c) The BASIC Utilities Menu will be displayed.

Starting DISPAK

The IMPORTANT thing to remember when running DISPAK is that it is run from the master diskette that you had configured in the previous step. DO NOT attempt to transfer DISPAK from the diskette to the hard disk! There are 2 ways of initiating DISPAK:

- From the BASIC Utilities selection message, enter: DISPAK
- From BASIC Console Mode, enter: RUN "DISPAK"

Once DISPAK has been started, a screen is displayed that lists copyright information. Also listed is the Release and Serial Number of the software- important information in any correspondence with your dealer or Concept Omega concerning the software. Proceed through the Copyright Screen by entering RETURN (CR). The DISPAK Introductory Screen will appear. This screen is used to insure that you have carried out certain procedures necessary for proper operation of DISPAK:

DISPAK - Disk Analyzer

This system is designed to analyze the operating system files on your hard disk to insure their integrity following power failures or hardware malfunctions. Any problems located will be reported to you and will be repaired by the system if possible.

The system can operate successfully only under the following conditions:

You must run the system from a floppy diskette
A printer MUST be available for hard copy
No one else may be using the computer
You must be using the control terminal (T0)

The following messages will also appear:

Are you sure you want to continue? (Y/N)
Y - DISPAK will continue
N - DISPAK will be terminated

Are the date and time correct (Y/N)
Y - DISPAK will continue
N - Enter the correct date (MMDDYY) <CR>
Enter the correct time (HHMMSS) <CR>

Printed Output

Once the printer is selected, the screen will display the processing status. Below is a sample of DISPAK output:

Phase 1 - Verify Environment

Operating system version is S6.5.3
Floppy is disk number 9
Running in bank 1
57882 bytes available memory

Phase 2 - Verify Allocated Space

Analyzing disk unit H60
Label is *MASTER*
Code 08: 61056 indicated sectors, 60864 actual sectors
Code 22: Directory UTIL, allocated size is incorrect
Code 22: Directory PROG, allocated size is incorrect
Code 22: Directory WORD, allocated size is incorrect
Code 20: Computed available space disagrees with AVS table

At this point a message appears:

Errors detected. Proceed with repairs? (Y/N)

DISPAK can handle and correct many types of errors but in some cases the operator may need to take manual action in order to repair the system. Errors should be evaluated before proceeding.

Phase 3 - Repairs

System area successfully saved
System HSA updated
 old value was 61056, new value is 60864
System AVS table maximum entries updated
 old value was 405, new value is 450
System AVS table updated, 110 active entries
Directory UTIL, allocated size updated
Directory PROG, allocated size updated
Directory WORD, allocated size updated

At this point a message appears:

Do you want to compress the disk? (Y/N)

This not a mandatory step but will make your system more efficient and may be needed when available disk space becomes fragmented.

Utility Functions

Compress completed HH:MM

3. DISPAK MESSAGES

Error Messages

Code 01 DISPAK will not run in this environment

This version of DISPAK and the version of Thoroughbred/OS on your system are not compatible. Contact Concept Omega to obtain the correct version of the software.

Code 02 DISPAK cannot run with any other users online

The program detects that another user is on the system. Make sure all terminals on the system are in BASIC Console Mode.

Code 03 DISPAK will only run from the control terminal

DISPAK must be run from the Control Terminal (T0). Go to the correct terminal and start over.

Code 04 DISPAK will not run from a hard disk

DISPAK must be run from the Master Diskette. Remove any copies transferred to the hard disk and go to the section in the manual that covers configuring and running the software.

Code 05 Program failure

An unanticipated situation has occurred, contact Product Support at Concept Omega- phone 201-722-9565

Code 06 Uninitialized disk

The hard disk is not initialized. You must install the Operating System properly before running DISPAK. Correct the problem and start over. If you have 2 hard disks, the 2nd disk does not require BASIC.

Code 07 XXXX indicated sectors, YYYY actual sectors

The program reads the entire disk and calculates YYYY user sectors and this disagrees with the number being used by the operating system XXXX (YYYY does not include the C.E. sector assignments).

If the operator continues through the reconstruct step of DISPAK, the value XXXX will be replaced by the actual number of sectors YYYY counted.

Code 08 Permanent disk read error 103 sector XXXX

The program cannot read the sector XXXX and the data at this sector is probably lost. Identify the File involved (name and sector) using the List (*LPSP) or Print (*APSP) Disk Directory Utilities. If an adequate backup exists, restore the File, if not you may attempt to backup the data that is still readable.

Code 09 Permanent disk write error 103 sector XXXX

The program has been unable to write sector XXXX and the data is probably lost. This could mean that there are no alternate sectors available for your disk controller to assign to the operating system.

Code 10 YYYY Unknown entry in the table of contents

The table of contents contains system and BASIC language pointers. DISPAK cannot recognize YYYY as a valid entry. If X is blank, contact Product Support at Concept Omega-phone 201-722-9565

If YYYY is a valid directory name, the directory is probably corrupted and your system will need to be re-initialized.

Code 11 Directory XXXX pointer out of range block YYYY

The directory XXXX block YYYY has an invalid value. The operator must recreate the directory by executing the Add/Change Directory (*4PSP) Utility and restore the contents of the directory from a backup.

Code 12 Directory XXXX file YYYY overlaps another file

The program has detected that a file named YYYY on directory XXXX is using sectors on the disk that have been assigned to another file. This means that there is a conflict in allocated space. DISPAK will try to relocate the files in the reconstruct step.

Code 13 Directory XXXX file YYYY overlaps the C.E. or A.T. area

The file YYYY in directory XXXX points to a reserved area on the disk. The C.E. or A.T. area is a privileged section on the disk and should only be used by the system. Therefore there is a conflict in allocated space and DISPAK will relocate the files in the reconstruct step.

Code 14 Directory XXXX file YYYY nonexistent sector

All or part of file YYYY in directory XXXX is allocated to nonexistent sectors and therefore is invalid. Because of this conflict in allocated space, DISPAK will try to relocate the file in the reconstruct step. If the entire file is off the disk it will be deleted.

Code 15 Directory XXXX file YYYY invalid size

The file YYYY in directory XXXX has a size of less than one sector. The operator must recreate the directory by using the Add/Change Directory (*4PSD) Utility and restore the contents of the directory from a backup.

Code 16 Directory XXXX file YYYY invalid description

The file YYYY in directory XXXX is not a valid file type recognized by the system. The valid descriptors in Thoroughbred/OS are D,S,P,I. The operator must recreate the directory using the Add/Change Directory (*4PSD) Utility and restore the contents of the directory from a backup.

Code 17 Directory XXXX file YYYY overlaps system area

The file YYYY in directory XXXX occupies space in the reserved area of the disk. Only BASIC and the system pointers should be in this area. Because of this conflict in allocated space, DISPAK will try to relocate the files in the reconstruct step.

Code 18 Directory XXXX overlaps another directory or file

The space allocated to directory XXXX overlaps another area of the disk that is already allocated to something else. Because of this conflict in allocated space, DISPAK will try and relocate the files in the reconstruct step.

Code 19 Computed available space disagrees with AVS table

The free space calculated by the program is not the same as the AVS currently indicated by the system. If you proceed with the reconstruct step, the calculated space will be used to update the current AVS table.

Code 20 Directory XXXX,YYYY actual entries counted

The actual number of file name entries counted by the program for directory XXXX disagrees with the count stored. If you proceed with the reconstruct step, DISPAK will update directory XXXX with YYYY as the number of file entries.

Code 21 Directory XXXX, allocated size is incorrect

The allocated size of directory XXXX is not large enough for the number of entries requested at initialization. If the reconstruct step is executed, DISPAK will adjust the number of entries in directory XXXX to reflect the space allocated to the directory.

Code 22 Insufficient directory entries for work file

The program does not have enough available name entries to hold the number of file names required by work files. DISPAK requires at least 3 free directory entries available to run.

Code 23 Insufficient available space for work file

There is not enough room on the disk to allow the program to build a work file required for the Reconstruct or Compress steps. DISPAK requires at least 500 free sectors on the disk in order to build temporary work files.

Code 24 File XXXX , unknown type. Created as indexed

The program encountered an invalid file type (not D,S,P,I) during Compress. The program will redefine file XXXX as an indexed file rather than delete it.

Code 25 XXXX is a duplicate directory name

The directory XXXX is defined more than one time on the hard disk. Use the Add/Change Directory (*4PSD) Utility to rename the directory.

Code 26 Insufficient disk space to move file XXXX

File XXXX is too large to be moved by the reconstruct step. Backup the File and then erase it from the hard disk. Once DISPAK is finished, you can restore the File.

Code 27 Insufficient disk space to move directory XXXX

Directory XXXX is too large to be moved by the compress step or Directory XXXX is overlapped by a large file and there is insufficient available disk space to move either directory or file. The file involved (reported in a previous message) should be backed up and then erased from the hard disk. After DISPAK is finished, you can restore the file.

Code 28 Memory assigned to record buffer is too small

DISPAK requires at least 2K for record buffer size. Use the BASIC Configurator (*NPSD) Utility (5 Memory Banks) to increase the memory allocated for record buffers and start over.

Code 29 File "XXXX" has same name as directory "XXXX"

You will need to manipulate the file and directory names in order to avoid duplication of names.

1. Rename the directory (use *4PSD).
2. Configure new directory (use *JPSD).
3. Either delete file "XXXX" (using *EPSD) or rename file "XXXX" (using *DPSD).
4. Rename directory back to its original name.
5. Reconfigure the directory.

File Separation Messages

File XXXX at sectors YYYY through ZZZZ overlaps
File AAAA at sectors BBBB through CCCC

File named by XXXX is located at physical sector range YYYY through ZZZZ and overlaps another file that occupies some sectors within the YYYY to ZZZZ range. The file that it overlaps is AAAA with a range from BBBB to CCCC.

File XXXX moved to sectors YYYY through ZZZZ.

The file named by XXXX has been relocated by DISPAK and the new range is from YYYY to ZZZZ.

Allocation Correction Messages

Old value was AAAA; new value is BBBB

This message appears as part of other DISPAK messages and informs the operator of the original value and the new value.

System Area Successfully Saved

The DISPAK program informs the operator that the system area or first 32 sectors has been copied to the floppy.

System HSA updated

DISPAK calculates the valid HSA (Highest Sector Available) and stores it into the system area of the operating system.

System AVS table updated, XXXX active entries

DISPAK calculates free space on the disk and stores the information in the system's AVS table. There are XXXX entries in this table.

System AVS table maximum entries updated

DISPAK adjusted the size of the system AVS table.

Directory XXXX, actual entries in use updated

DISPAK counts the actual number of entries in use in disk directory XXXX and updates the directory pointers correctly.

Directory XXXX, allocated size updated

If the size of directory XXXX calculated by DISPAK disagrees with the actual size of this directory, it will be updated to the calculated size.

4. DISK MAP UTILITY

Disk Map is provided to the user as an added utility that will prepare a sequentially ordered listing of your disk space. When run before DISPAK it will identify the current state of your disk with respect to overlapped files and gaps of sectors that are unavailable to the system.

To run this utility, follow the standard procedures for running DISPAK (see Configuring the Software). Disk Map can be initiated:

- From the BASIC Utilities selection message, enter: DISMAP
- From BASIC Console Mode, enter: RUN "DISMAP"

A message allowing you to select the output device is displayed:

Select Output Device LP TO ? __

Once selected, no further operator intervention is required!

Sample Screen

The following screen is displayed during processing. The Key to this screen should allow you to interpret the analysis:

DISK ANALYSIS UTILITY

DISK AAAA SYSTEM FILES

	LOCATION		ENTRIES	
NAME	START	END	CURRENT	MAXIMUM
BBBB	CCCC	DDDD	EEEE	FFFF
GGGG	TOTAL SECTORS		HHHH	AVAILABLE

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Code - Meaning

AAAA - Label found on the hard disk
 BBBB - Directory Name
 CCCC - Starting sector of the directory
 DDDD - Ending sector of the directory
 EEEE - Current number of entries
 FFFF - Maximum number of entries allowed
 GGGG - Total sectors on the hard disk
 HHHH - Available sectors left on the hard disk
 IIII - Current directory being analyzed
 JJJJ - Current sector being analyzed

Disk Map Report

The following report will appear on the output device that you selected. The Key following should allow you to interpret the output.

	SECTORS			VOLUME	FILE	
ERROR	START	END	SIZE	NAME	NAME	REMARK
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	DDDD	EEEE	FFFF	GGGG

Code Meaning

AAAA ERROR MESSAGES

OVERLAP - The file that appears with this message overlaps the file listed above.

GAP - This area is not being used and does not appear on the available sector table.

BBBB - Starting sector of the file

CCCC - Ending sector of the file

DDDD - Size of the file

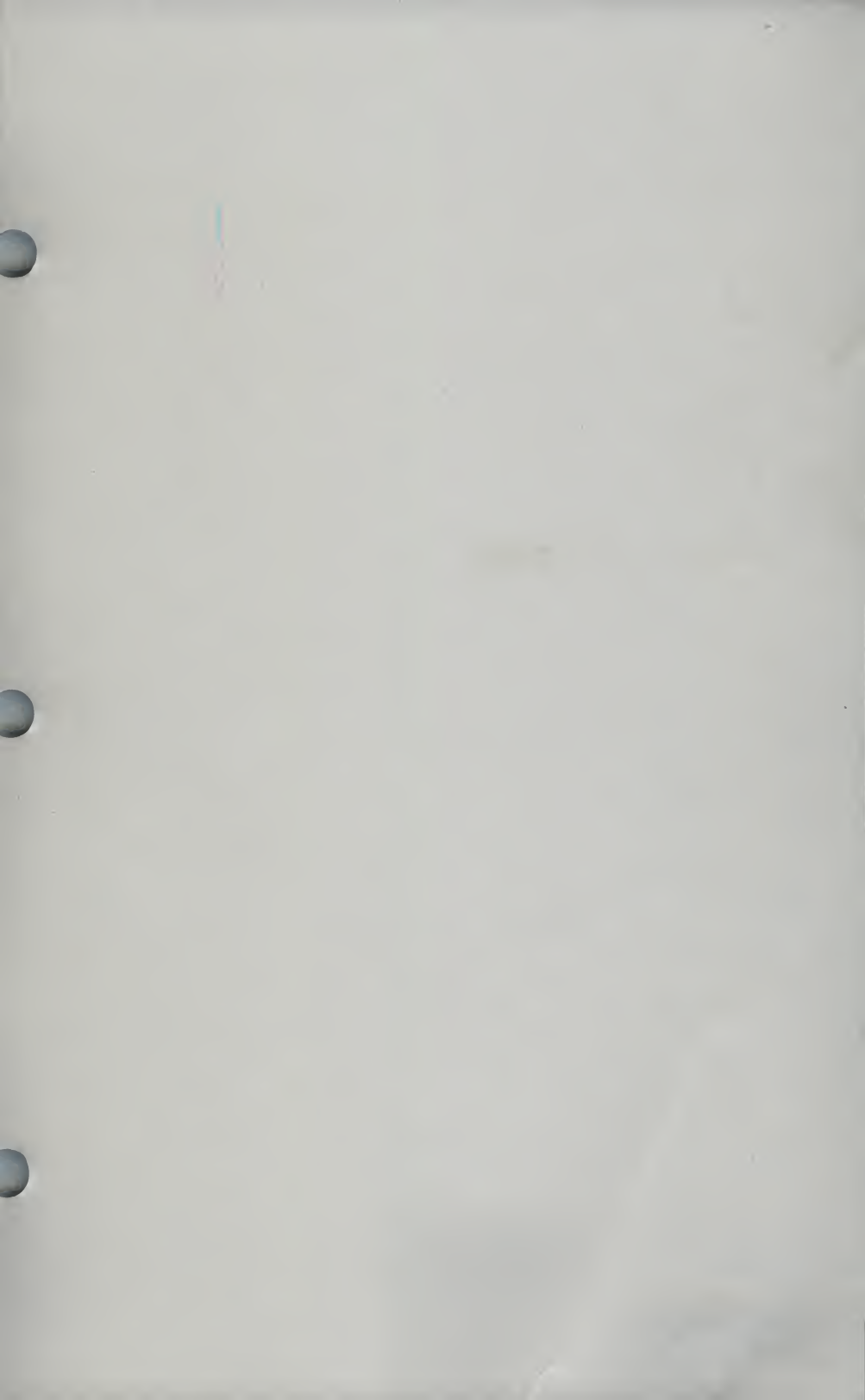
EEEE - Directory that the file appears

FFFF - File name

GGGG - REMARK

TEMPORARY - Currently used by DISMAP

AVAILABLE - Current Available Sector Table



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